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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

Case No:

FERNANDO GASTELUM,

Plaintiff,

vs.

V & P, L.L.C.,

Defendant.

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

- 1. Americans with Disabilities Act**
- 2. Negligence**
- 3. Negligent Misrepresentation**
- 4. Failure to Disclose**
- 5. Fraud / Consumer Fraud**

JURY TRIAL REQUESTED

INTRODUCTION

1. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 *et seq.* and corresponding regulations, 28 CFR Part 36 and Department of Justice Standards for Accessible Design (“ADA”).
2. Plaintiff’s left leg is amputated below the knee. Plaintiff moves with the aid of a wheelchair or a prosthetic leg. Plaintiff suffers from a disability as this term is defined in 42 U.S.C. 12102 and 28 CFR §36.105 (c)(1)(i) which includes, inter alia, “walking, standing, sitting, reaching, lifting [and] bending” and other

1 activities. A partial missing limb “substantially limit[s] musculoskeletal
2 function” as a matter of law. 28 CFR § 36.105 (d)(2)(iii)(D).

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4 3. Plaintiff is constantly and relentlessly segregated and discriminated against,
5 excluded, denied equal services, or otherwise treated differently than other
6 individuals because of his disability, and has been denied the opportunity to
7 participate in or benefit from services, facilities and opportunities available
8 people without disabilities.

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10 4. Plaintiff incorporates herein Congressional Findings and Purpose set forth in 42
11 U.S.C. §12-101 and 28 CFR §36.101.

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13 5. Plaintiff is being subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability in
14 violation of Subchapter III of the Americans with Disabilities Act or has
15 reasonable ground to believe that that he is about to be subjected to
16 discrimination in violation of 42 U.S.C. §12183.

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18 6. Plaintiff alleges that he has actual notice that Defendant has failed to comply
19 with Subchapter III of the ADA, 28 CFR 36 and the 2010 Standards of
20 Accessibility Design (“2010 Standards”) as more fully alleged below.

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22 7. Plaintiff alleges that he has no obligation to engage in futile gestures as
23 referenced in 42 U.S.C. §12188(A)(1) and 28 C.F.R. Subpart E

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25 8. Defendant has discriminated against Plaintiff by all of the following actions and
26 failures to act –
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- a. Failing to make reasonable modifications in policies, practices, or procedures which are necessary to afford Plaintiff and others similarly situated accessibility to Defendant's place of public accommodation, thus violating 42 U.S.C. §12182(b)(2)(A)(ii) and 28 C.F.R. §36.302(a); and
- b. Failing to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded, denied services, segregated or otherwise treated differently than other individuals because of the absence of auxiliary aids and services, thus violating 42 U.S.C. §12182(b)(2)(A)(iii); and
- c. Failing to remove architectural barriers where such removal is readily achievable, thus violating 42 U.S.C. §12182(b)(2)(A)(iii), 28 CFR 36 and the 2010 Standards..

PARTIES

9. Plaintiff is a disabled person and a committed individual to advance the time when places of public accommodations will be compliant with the ADA.
10. Plaintiff's disability includes the amputation of the left leg below the knee. Plaintiff moves with the use of a wheelchair, walker and/or a prosthetic.
11. Defendant V & P, L.L.C. D/B/A Comfort Suites Phoenix Airport owns and/or operates hotel at 1625 S. 52nd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85281, which is a public accommodation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12181(7)(A) which offers public lodging services. *See* 28 CFR §36.104 and a listing of public accommodations in 42 U.S.C. §12181(7).

JURISDICTION

12.District Court has jurisdiction over this case or controversy by virtue of 28 U.S.C. §§ 28-1331 and 42 U.S.C. § 12188 and 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

13.Plaintiff brings this action as a private attorney general who has been personally subjected to discrimination on the basis of his disability, *see* 42 U.S.C.12188 and 28 CFR §36.501.

14.Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391.

STANDING TO SUE JURISDICTION

15. Plaintiff reviewed 3rd party and 1st party lodging websites to book an ambulatory and wheelchair accessible room. Plaintiff was denied equal opportunity to use and enjoyment of a critical public accommodation through Defendant's acts of discrimination and segregation alleged below.

16.Plaintiff intends to book a room at the Defendant's hotel once Defendant has removed all accessibility barriers, including the ones not specifically referenced herein, and has fully complied with the ADA.

17. Because of Defendant's denial of Plaintiff's use and enjoyment of a critical public accommodation through Defendant's acts of discrimination and segregation, he is deterred from visiting that accommodation by accessibility barriers and other violations of the ADA.

18.Defendant has denied Plaintiff -

1 a. The opportunity to participate in or benefit from the goods, services,
2 facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations at its hotel.

3 b. The right to be included in the population at large who benefits from
4 Defendant's hotel without being segregated because his disability.
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6 19. Plaintiff intends to book a room at Defendant's hotel in the future but he will
7 likely suffer repeated injury unless and until the barriers of accessibility and
8 ambulatory and wheelchair accessibility barriers have been removed.
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10 **CONTINUING JURISDICTION**

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12 20. ADA violations which form the subject matter of this Verified Complaint
13 change frequently due to regular maintenance, remodels, repairs, and normal
14 wear and tear.
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16 21. Defendant's ADA Violations are of the type that can reasonably be expected to
17 start up again, allowing Defendant to be free to return to the old ways' after the
18 threat of a lawsuit had passed.
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20 22. If one or more ADA violation are cured, Plaintiff alleges that they were cured
21 and timed to anticipate the current lawsuit, and not as a good faith effort to
22 comply with the ADA.
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24 23. To remedy the violations of 28 CFR 36.302(e), Defendant would be required
25 not only to modify all 1st and 3rd party lodging websites, but would be required
26 to do so truthfully and accurately.
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COUNT ONE

Violation of Plaintiff's Civil Rights under the ADA

24. Plaintiff realleges all allegations heretofore set forth.

25. By virtue of his disability, Plaintiff requires an ADA compliant lodging facility particularly applicable to his mobility, both ambulatory and wheelchair assisted.

26. On or about January 26, 2018 Plaintiff visited a 3rd party website www.expedia.com to book a room.

27. 3rd party website disclosed general availability and description of Defendant's hotel.

28. 3rd party website failed to identify and describe mobility related accessibility features and guest rooms offered through its reservations service in enough detail to reasonably permit Plaintiff to assess independently whether Defendant's hotel meets his accessibility needs.

29. 3rd party website failed to disclose the following accessibility features in enough detail to reasonably permit Plaintiff to assess independently whether Defendant's hotel and guest rooms meets his accessibility needs:

- a. Whether accessible routes comply with § 206 of the 2010 Standards; and
- b. Whether operable parts on accessible elements, accessible routes and accessible rooms comply with §§205 and 803 of the 2010 Standards; and
- c. Whether any accessible means of egress comply with §207 of the 2010 Standards.

- 1 d. Whether parking spaces comply with §§208 and 502 of the 2010
- 2 Standards; and
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- 4 e. Whether passenger loading zones comply with §§209 and 503 of the
- 5 2010 Standards; and
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- 7 f. Whether any drinking fountains comply with §211 of the 2010 Standards;
- 8 and
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- 10 g. Whether any kitchens, kitchenettes and sinks comply with §§212 and 804
- 11 of the 2010 Standards; and
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- 13 h. Whether toilet facilities and bathing facilities comply with §213 of the
- 14 2010 Standards; and
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- 16 i. Whether any washing machines and clothes dryers comply with §§214
- 17 and 611 of the 2010 Standards; and
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- 19 j. Whether accessible hotel rooms comply with §224 of the 2010 Standards;
- 20 and
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- 22 k. Whether dining surfaces and work surfaces comply with §§226 and 902
- 23 of the 2010 Standards; and
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- 25 l. Whether sales and service elements comply with §227 of the 2010
- 26 Standards; and
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- 28 m. Whether any saunas and steam rooms comply with §§241 and 612 of the
- 2010 Standards; and

- n. Whether any swimming pools, wading pools and spas comply with §§242 and 1009 of the 2010 Standards; and
- o. Whether floor and ground surfaces comply with §302 of the 2010 Standards; and
- p. Whether changes in level comply with §303 of the 2010 Standards; and
- q. Whether turning spaces comply with § 304 of the 2010 Standards; and
- r. Whether floor and ground spaces comply with §305 of the 2010 Standards; and
- s. Whether knee and toes clearances comply with §306 of the 2010 Standards; and
- t. Whether protruding objects comply with §307 of the 2010 Standards; and
- u. Whether the reach ranges comply with §308 of the 2010 Standards; and
- v. Whether the operating parts on accessible features comply with §309 of the 2010 Standards; and
- w. Whether accessible routes comply with §402 of the 2010 Standards; and
- x. Whether walking surfaces comply with §403 of the 2010 Standards; and
- y. Whether doors, doorways and gates comply with §404 of the 2010 Standards; and
- z. Whether ramps comply with § 405 of the 2010 Standards; and
- aa. Whether curb ramps comply with §406 of the 2010 Standards; and
- bb. Whether any elevators comply with §407 of the 2010 Standards; and

1 cc. Whether any platform lifts comply with §410 of the 2010 Standards; and
2 dd. Whether any stairways comply with §504 of the 2010 Standards; and
3 ee. Whether handrails on elements requiring handrails comply with §505 of
4 the 2010 Standards; and
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6 ff. Whether the plumbing facilities comply with Chapter 6 of the 2010
7 Standards with respect to all the following subchapters of Chapter 6: §§
8 602 (drinking fountains), 603 (toilets and bathing rooms), 604 (water
9 closets and toilet compartments, 605 (urinals), 606 (lavatories and sinks),
10 607 (bathtubs), 607 (shower compartments), 608 (grab bars), 610 (seats
11 in bathtubs and shower compartments), and
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13 gg. Whether service counters comply with 904 of the 2010 Standards.
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16 30. Additionally, 3rd party website did not permit Plaintiff to book a room for the
17 stated reason that accessible room was either not available or not guaranteed.

18 31. Thereafter, Plaintiff consulted Defendant's 1st party website choicehotels.com
19 to determine the information unavailable from the third-party website.
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21 32. 1st party website failed to identify and describe mobility related accessibility
22 features and guest rooms offered through its reservations service in enough
23 detail to reasonably permit Plaintiff to assess independently whether
24 Defendant's hotel meets his accessibility needs.
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1 33. In particular, 1st party website failed to disclose the following accessibility
2 features in enough detail to reasonably permit Plaintiff to assess independently
3 whether Defendant's hotel and guest rooms meets his accessibility needs:
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- 5 a. Whether accessible routes comply with § 206 of the 2010 Standards; and
- 6 b. Whether operable parts on accessible elements, accessible routes and
7 accessible rooms comply with §§205 and 803 of the 2010 Standards; and
- 8 c. Whether any accessible means of egress comply with §207 of the 2010
9 Standards.
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- 11 d. Whether parking spaces comply with §§208 and 502 of the 2010
12 Standards; and
- 13 e. Whether passenger loading zones comply with §§209 and 503 of the
14 2010 Standards; and
- 15 f. Whether any drinking fountains comply with §211 of the 2010 Standards;
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- 17 g. Whether any kitchens, kitchenettes and sinks comply with §§212 and 804
18 of the 2010 Standards; and
- 19 h. Whether toilet facilities and bathing facilities comply with §213 of the
20 2010 Standards; and
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22 and 611 of the 2010 Standards; and
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- 8 Standards; and
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- 10 m. Whether any saunas and steam rooms comply with §§241 and 612 of the
- 11 2010 Standards; and
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- 13 n. Whether any swimming pools, wading pools and spas comply with
- 14 §§242 and 1009 of the 2010 Standards; and
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- 16 o. Whether floor and ground surfaces comply with §302 of the 2010
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- 21 q. Whether turning spaces comply with § 304 of the 2010 Standards; and
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- t. Whether protruding objects comply with §307 of the 2010 Standards; and
- u. Whether the reach ranges comply with §308 of the 2010 Standards; and

- v. Whether the operating parts on accessible features comply with §309 of the 2010 Standards; and
- w. Whether accessible routes comply with §402 of the 2010 Standards; and
- x. Whether walking surfaces comply with §403 of the 2010 Standards; and
- y. Whether doors, doorways and gates comply with §404 of the 2010 Standards; and
- z. Whether ramps comply with § 405 of the 2010 Standards; and
- aa. Whether curb ramps comply with §406 of the 2010 Standards; and
- bb. Whether any elevators comply with §407 of the 2010 Standards; and
- cc. Whether any platform lifts comply with §410 of the 2010 Standards; and
- dd. Whether any stairways comply with §504 of the 2010 Standards; and
- ee. Whether handrails on elements requiring handrails comply with §505 of the 2010 Standards; and
- ff. Whether the plumbing facilities comply with Chapter 6 of the 2010 Standards with respect to all the following subchapters of Chapter 6: §§ 602 (drinking fountains), 603 (toilets and bathing rooms), 604 (water closets and toilet compartments, 605 (urinals), 606 (lavatories and sinks), 607 (bathtubs), 607 (shower compartments), 608 (grab bars), 610 (seats in bathtubs and shower compartments), and
- gg. Whether service counters comply with 904 of the 2010 Standards.

1 34. Thereafter Plaintiff called Defendant's hotel to inquire whether it was
2 compliant with the ADA and suitable for Plaintiff's accessibility needs.

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4 35. Plaintiff spoke with hotel reservations clerk, Michelle. Plaintiff specifically
5 inquired whether Defendant's hotel was compliant with the Americans with
6 Disabilities Act and compliant with the specific requirements of accessibility.

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8 36. Reservations clerk responded that the hotel was compliant with the Americans
9 with Disabilities Act, and Plaintiff booked a room.

10 37. Upon booking the room, Plaintiff noted that the Hotel was not compliant with
11 the ADA and was replete with accessibility barriers in the details which include
12 the following areas of non-compliance:

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14 a. **208.3.1.** The accessible parking is not dispersed to all entrances.
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16 b. **502.4.** There are multiple accessible parking spaces which have a running
17 slope steeper than 1:48 inches.
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19 c. **502.4.** Both of the access aisles have a running slope steeper
20 than 1:48 inches.
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22 d. **502.6.** All of the accessible parking signs are lower than the required 60 inch
23 minimum.
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25 e. **303.2.** Multiple accessible routes have a vertical change in level higher than
26 1/4 inch.
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28 f. **305.3.** The clear floor space on one side of the bed in the accessible guest
room is less than the required minimum of 30 inches.

- g. **309.4.** The accessible room door requires a twisting of the wrist motion and more than 5 pounds of force to open.
- h. **309.4.** Stairway entrances require a twisting of the wrist motion and more than 5 pounds of force to open.
- i. **309.4.** The secondary entrances all require a twisting of the wrist motion and more than 5 pounds of force to open.
- j. **309.4.** The lobby restroom door requires a twisting of the wrist motion and more than 5 pounds of force to open.
- k. **309.4.** The fitness center door requires a twisting of the wrist motion to open.
- l. **309.4.** The exit door to the pool area requires more than 5 pounds of force to open.
- m. **309.4.** The gate handle to the pool requires a twisting of the wrist motion to open.
- n. **403.3.** Multiple accessible routes have a walking surface with a cross slope steeper than 1:48 inches.
- o. **404.2.3.** The clear width of the doorway in the accessible guest bathroom is less than 32 inches.
- p. **405.2.** Multiple curb ramps have a running slope steeper than 1:12 inches.
- q. **405.8.** The ramp on the northern side of the hotel has a rise greater than 6 inches without handrails.
- r. **406.5.** Curb ramp projects into vehicular lanes.

- s. **503.3.** The passenger loading zone does not have a marked access aisle.
- t. **604.6.** The lobby restroom water closet's flush controls are on the closed side of the water closet.
- u. **607.4.2.1.** The accessible guest room bathtub has only one grab bar for the back wall.
- v. **607.4.2.2.** The accessible guest room bathtub does not have a grab bar for the control end wall
- w. **607.4.2.3.** The accessible guest room bathtub does not have a grab bar for the head end wall; and
- x. Other ADA violations to be discovered through a discovery process.

38.Plaintiff paid for the room.

39.The removal of accessibility barriers listed above is readily achievable.

40.As a direct and proximate result of ADA Violations, Plaintiff's Disability has prevented him from equal access to the Defendant's public accommodation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for all relief as follows:

- A. Relief described in 42 U.S.C. §2000a – 3; and
- B. Relief described in 42 U.S.C. § 12188(a) and (b) and, particularly -
- C. Injunctive relief order to alter Defendant's place of public accommodation to make it readily accessible to and usable by ALL individuals with disabilities; and

- 1 D. Requiring the provision of an auxiliary aid or service, modification of a
2 policy, or provision of alternative methods, to the extent required by
3 Subchapter III of the ADA; and
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5 E. Equitable nominal damages in the amount of \$1.00; and
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7 F. For costs, expenses and attorney's fees; and
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9 G. All remedies provided for in 28 C.F.R. 36.501(a) and (b).

10 **COUNT TWO**
11 Negligence

12 41.Plaintiff realleges all allegations heretofore set forth.

13 42.Defendant had a duty to Plaintiff to remove ADA accessibility barriers so that
14 Plaintiff as a disabled individual would have full and equal access to the public
15 accommodation.
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17 43.Defendant breached this duty.

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19 44.Defendant is or should be aware that, historically, society has tended to isolate
20 and segregate individuals with disabilities, and, despite some improvements,
21 such forms of discrimination against individuals with disabilities continue to be
22 a serious and pervasive social problem¹.
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24 45.Defendant knowingly and intentionally participated in this historical
25 discrimination against Plaintiff, causing Plaintiff damage.
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¹ 42 U.S.C. § 12101(a)(2)

1 46.Discrimination against individuals with disabilities persists in the use and
2 enjoyment of critical public accommodations².

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4 47.Defendant's knowing and intentional persistence in discrimination against
5 Plaintiff is alleged, causing Plaintiff damage.

6 48.Individuals with disabilities, including Plaintiff, continually encounter various
7 forms of discrimination, including outright intentional exclusion, the
8 discriminatory effects of architectural, overprotective rules and policies, failure
9 to make modifications to existing facilities and practices, exclusionary
10 qualification standards and criteria, segregation, and relegation to lesser
11 services, programs, activities, benefits, jobs, or other opportunities³.

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14 49.Defendant's knowing and intentional discrimination against Plaintiff reinforces
15 above forms of discrimination, causing Plaintiff damage.

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17 50.Census data, national polls, and other studies have documented that people
18 with disabilities, as a group, occupy an inferior status in our society, and are
19 severely disadvantaged socially, vocationally, economically, and
20 educationally⁴.

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22 51.Defendant's knowing and intentional discrimination has relegated Plaintiff to
23 an inferior status in society, causing Plaintiff damage.
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27 ² 42 U.S.C. §12101(a)(3)

28 ³ 42 U.S.C. §12101(a)(5)

⁴ 42 U.S.C. §12101(a)(6)

1 52.The Nation’s proper goals regarding individuals with disabilities are to assure
2 equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic
3 self-sufficiency for such individuals⁵.
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5 53.Defendant’s knowing and intentional discrimination has worked counter to our
6 Nation’s goals of equality, causing Plaintiff damage.
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8 54.Continued existence of unfair and unnecessary discrimination and prejudice
9 denies people with disabilities the opportunity to compete on an equal basis and
10 to pursue those opportunities for which our free society is justifiably famous,
11 and costs the United States billions of dollars in unnecessary expenses resulting
12 from dependency and nonproductivity⁶.
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14 55.Defendant’s knowing and intentional unfair and unnecessary discrimination
15 against Plaintiff demonstrates Defendant’s knowing and intentional damage to
16 Plaintiff.
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18 56.Defendant’s breach of duty caused Plaintiff damages including, without
19 limitation, the feeling of segregation, discrimination, relegation to second class
20 citizen status the pain, suffering and emotional damages inherent to
21 discrimination and segregation and other damages to be proven at trial.
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24 57.By violating Plaintiff’s civil rights, Defendant engaged in intentional,
25 aggravated and outrageous conduct.
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28 ⁵ 42 U.S.C. §12101(a)(7)

⁶ 42 U.S.C. §12101(a)(8)

1 58.The ADA has been the law of the land since 1991, but Defendant engaged in a
2 conscious action of a reprehensible character, that is, Defendant denied Plaintiff
3 his civil rights, and cause him damage by virtue of segregation, discrimination,
4 relegation to second class citizen status the pain, suffering and emotional
5 damages inherent to discrimination and segregation and other damages to be
6 proven at trial
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9 59.Defendant either intended to cause injury to Plaintiff or defendant consciously
10 pursued a course of conduct knowing that it created a substantial risk of
11 significant harm to Plaintiff.
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13 60.Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for punitive damages in an amount to be proven
14 at trial sufficient, however, to deter this Defendant and others similarly situated
15 from pursuing similar acts.
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17 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

- 18 A. For finding of negligence; and
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20 B. For damages in an amount to be proven at trial; and
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22 C. For punitive damages to be proven at trial; and
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24 D. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

24 **COUNT THREE**
25 Negligent Misrepresentation

26 61.Plaintiff realleges all allegations heretofore set forth.
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62. Defendant failed to exercise reasonable care or competence in obtaining or communicating the information regarding ADA compliance to Plaintiff both on the websites and telephonically.

63. Defendant hotel supplied false information to Plaintiff for guidance in Plaintiff's business transaction, to wit: the renting of a hotel room.

64. Defendant's false statement was made in the course of Defendant's business in which Defendant has a pecuniary interest, to wit: renting of rooms.

65. Plaintiff justifiably relied on Defendant's false information and rented a room at Defendant's hotel.

66. Plaintiff has suffered pecuniary losses as a result of his reliance on Defendant's false information regarding ADA compliance, to wit: he booked and paid for a non-compliant room.

67. Defendant either intended to cause injury to Plaintiff or defendant consciously pursued a course of conduct knowing that it created a substantial risk of significant harm to Plaintiff.

68. Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial sufficient, however, to deter this Defendant and others similarly situated from pursuing similar acts.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

A. For finding of negligent misrepresentation; and

B. For damages in an amount to be proven at trial; and

1 C. For punitive damages to be proven at trial; and

2 D. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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4 **COUNT FOUR**
5 Failure to Disclose

6 69.Plaintiff realleges all allegations heretofore set forth.

7 70.Defendant was under a duty to Plaintiff to exercise reasonable care to disclose
8 matters required to be disclosed pursuant to 28 CFR 36.302(e) as more fully
9 alleged above before the booking transaction was completed.
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11 71.Defendant was under a duty to disclose matters to Plaintiff that Defendant knew
12 were necessary to be disclosed to prevent Plaintiff to be misled by partial
13 disclosures of ADA compliance as more fully alleged above.
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15 72.The compliance with the ADA is a fact basic to the booking transaction.

16 73.Defendant failed to make the necessary disclosures.
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18 74.As a direct consequence of Defendant's failure to disclose, Plaintiff booked a
19 room in Defendant's hotel that was not ADA compliant as more fully alleged
20 above.
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22 75.Plaintiff has been damaged by Defendant's non-disclosure.

23 76.Defendant either intended to cause injury to Plaintiff or defendant consciously
24 pursued a course of conduct knowing that it created a substantial risk of
25 significant harm to Plaintiff.
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1 77. Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for punitive damages in an amount to be proven
2 at trial sufficient, however, to deter this Defendant and others similarly situated
3 from pursuing similar acts.
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5 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

6 A. For finding of that Defendant failed to disclose information; and

7 B. For damages in an amount to be proven at trial; and

8 C. For punitive damages to be proven at trial; and

9 D. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.
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12 **COUNT FIVE**

13 Fraud

14 Common Law and Consumer

15 78. Plaintiff realleges all allegations heretofore set forth.

16 79. Defendant made a representation as alleged above.

17 80. The representation was material.

18 81. The representation was false.

19 82. Defendant knew that the representation was false or was ignorant to the truth or
20 falsity thereof.
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22 83. Defendant intended that Plaintiff rely on the false representation.
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24 84. Plaintiff reasonably relied on the misrepresentation.

25 85. Plaintiff has a right to rely on the misrepresentation.

26 86. Plaintiff was unaware of the falsity of the representation until after he booked
27 the room.
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1 87.Plaintiff was consequently and proximately damaged by Defendant's
2 misrepresentation.

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4 88.Defendant's misrepresentation was made in connection with the sale or
5 advertisement of merchandise with the intent that Plaintiff rely on it.

6 89.Renting of hotel rooms is "merchandise" as this term is defined in A.R.S. §44-
7 1521(5).

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9 90. Plaintiff relied on the misrepresentation.

10 91.Plaintiff suffered an injury resulting from the false misrepresentation

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12 92.Defendant either intended to cause injury to Plaintiff or defendant consciously
13 pursued a course of conduct knowing that it created a substantial risk of
14 significant harm to Plaintiff.

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16 93.Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for punitive damages in an amount to be proven
17 at trial sufficient, however, to deter this Defendant and others similarly situated
18 from pursuing similar acts.

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20 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

21 A. For finding of that Defendant failed to disclose information; and

22 B. For damages in an amount to be proven at trial; and

23 C. For punitive damages to be proven at trial; and

24 D. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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26 **REQUEST FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

27 Plaintiff respectfully requests a trial by jury in issues triable by a jury.
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1 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 30th day of January, 2018.

2 **STROJNIK, P.C.**

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6 Peter Strojnik, 6464
7 Attorneys for Plaintiff

8 **VERIFICATION**

9 Plaintiff verifies that he has read the forgoing and that the factual allegations stated above
10 are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief. Plaintiff makes
11 this verification under the penalty of perjury.

12 /s/ Fernando Gastelum
13 Authorized Electronically
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